

MANY THOUSANDS ATTEND MEETINGS

HUNDREDS UNABLE TO HEAR FINAL SERMONS

Total Professions of Faith 690—Ministers of City Adopt Resolutions of Appreciation—Evangelist Thanks Gazette for Excellence of its Reports of Meetings

With three meetings—a union service at 11 o'clock in the morning, a meeting for men at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, followed by another union service at 7 o'clock—the Gypsy Smith evangelistic campaign which opened in this city on Sunday, Sept., 2d came to a close last night.

Hundreds of people flocked to the big tent last evening to attend the closing service who were unable to gain admission. Every seat had been taken long before the hour arrived for opening, and many were compelled to stand who managed to get inside the canvas, which indicates the interest which had been aroused.

Yesterday proved to be the biggest harvest day of any during the campaign, a total of 167 persons, 47 at the men's meeting, four at the woman's meeting and 116 last night, making a profession of faith, which brought the total number who have started in the new life up to 690.

Resolutions Adopted by Ministers.

As a token of their appreciation of the efforts of Evangelist Smith and the great work he has been instrumental in accomplishing, the following resolution was adopted by the ministerial association of the city, at a special meeting and read before the great audience at the tent last night by Rev. Eugene B. Jackson:

Resolution offered by Rev. Jackson: "We, the ministers of Alexandria, Va., desire thus to express our great appreciation of the splendid work which has been accomplished here by the Rev. 'Gypsy' Smith, Jr., and his co-laborers, Prof. Cole and Miss Hoagland in the past month. Surely, the needs of a city were never more accurately diagnosed, nor indeed was the gospel ever applied more faithfully as the remedy. Visible results have already justified the union of effort and a new desire for religious things makes its probable that the largest harvest is yet to be reaped. We want to express our gratification at the fact that Bro. Smith has never failed to appreciate the work of the church through the ministry, but has uniformly exalted it to its rightful position. By his life in the community, Bro. Smith has accentuated the value and power of personal consecration. The spiritual tone in our churches has been lifted, many persons have been converted, and the moral life of our city has been wonderfully strengthened. Our prayers will go with our dear brother, that God may give him strength for his life-work, and we invoke God's blessings upon his wife and children, and his great family connection, which God has so signally honored. We would give our most hearty commendation, not only to the effectiveness of his work, but also to the tact and wisdom and spirit of his method."

"Done by order of the Ministers Conference, Sept. 30, 1916."

J. W. Duffey,
Wm. J. Morton,
Lytleton M. Ferguson,
John Lee Allison,
Edward T. Kirkley,
Edgar Carpenter,
P. P. Phillips,
O. W. Triplett,
Eugene B. Jackson.

Replying to the resolution, Rev. Smith said: "Of all the courtesies I have received I count this the greatest."

The interest at last night's service seemed intense at times. One lady who went forward fell to the ground as she reached the platform and remained unconscious for some time after she had been lifted up and taken in charge by the nurses. Another lady fainted just after the meeting closed, and while the people were crowding about the platform, to shake hands with Rev. Smith and the other members of his party.

Mr. Samuel Pitts made a brief statement regarding the offering for Mr. Smith, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. J. Morton, of Christ Church. The evangelist chose the story of the rich young man referred to in St. Mark 19:22, as the

text for the evening. When Christ told him that he should sell all he had and give to the poor the young man "went away". This was employed to illustrate many people of today who refuse to give up the things that prevent them from becoming followers of Christ. Whether it be drink, gambling, women—whatever it may be we must give it up and make a complete surrender, said the evangelist.

"It's a hard thing for a rich man to be a Christian," said Mr. Smith, "for the natural man is at enmity toward God." Continuing he said: "If there's a desire in your heart to lead a better life don't strangle it. It will lead you over the old-fashioned hill to calvary. If some of you should take a look back over your life you'd be shocked to see how far you have turned from Jesus Christ. But if you will follow that prompting in your heart it will lead you into the glory of God. Don't dare stifle it for it is the holy spirit. I know the struggle that's going on in your heart. For me the Christian life is a struggle—I have to keep close to Him. But what a life God calls us to!"

"Oh, men and women, I plead with you! Have the courage to come and say 'I'll come,'"

In response to the invitation 116 persons went to the platform, and shook the hand of the evangelist as a token that they would try to follow Christ. It was the largest number that had come out in any one meeting.

The Union Service at 11 O'clock Yesterday.

The big tent was packed full of people at the eleven o'clock service. As a prelude to his sermon the evangelist addressed those particularly who had come out in the meetings, exhorting them to join the church of their choice at once, without any delay. Said he: "The grandest thing in your Christian life will be to get others to serve Christ."

The theme for his discourse was "Fishers of Men," taken from the fifth chapter of St. Luke. It was one of the most forceful sermons he has delivered here. The Gazette regrets that owing to lack of space it cannot be published in full.

Another strong sermon was that of Saturday evening from the text in Ephesians 5:14: "Awake, thou that sleepest, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." The speaker held the close attention of his audience from the beginning to the end of his address calling attention to many pointed truths which called forth frequent cheers from those who listened and appreciated their importance. Forty-three went forward at the close of the service.

Number Decisions.	
Previously reported	480
Saturday night	43
Men's meeting yesterday	
afternoon	47
Women's meeting yesterday	
afternoon	4
Last Night	116
Total	690

All those expecting to take part in the Masonic Bazaar, to be held in this city from October 9th to 21st, are earnestly requested to attend a meeting at the Masonic Temple, tomorrow evening, Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30. As this is the last meeting before the Bazaar, a full attendance is desired.

It is intimated that the departure of Battery C., Virginia Artillery, and the First Battery Virginia Field Artillery, which have been ordered to proceed to Brownsville, Texas, probably tonight, will mean the return of the Virginia troops, including the Alexandria Light Infantry, Company, now at the front. It is said that there is a strong possibility that these troops will be ordered to entrain in the cars which will convey the new detachments to their new posts.

Miss Fannie Herbert has returned to her home, in north Washington street, after a trip to Spokane, Wash. The Spokane Daily Chronicle, of Monday, September 25th, says: "In compliment to Judge John McPhaul, Miss F. S. Herbert and Col. G. J. Drewry of Washington, D. C., Mrs. G. O. Foss, will give a dinner dance Wednesday evening in the Moorish room of the Spokane hotel. The function has been arranged as a farewell to the honor guests, who have been visiting Spokane for some time. Mrs. Foss has bidden 80 guests to her dinner dance."

In the account, printed in the Gazette of Friday last, of the principal donations to the Anne Lee Memorial Home, it was not stated that Mr. Pein Wheatley had donated the furniture for the dining room. Messrs. Graham and Ogden also gave the Home free insurance to the amount of \$2,000, for one year.

Pay Night.

Saturday night was "pay night" at the evangelistic service, as Rev. Smith termed it, at which time gifts were presented as follows:

The Boy Scouts started the ball rolling, so to speak, by presenting Rev. Smith with a handsome scarf pin; copy of the Boy Scouts edition of the New Testament to Prof. Cole, and a lovely bouquet of roses to Miss Hoagland.

Mr. Geo. B. Kennedy, who had been instrumental in getting up the choir previous to the opening of the campaign, took occasion to express his thanks for the efficient manner in which they had performed their part in the services, and called Rev. John Lee Allison to the platform who made the following presentations: Watch fob, also a handsome silver engraved cheese and cracker set to Mr. Cole and his prospective bride, and a silver engraved purse to Miss Hoagland. All three gifts came from the members of the choir.

Rev. Smith then tendered his thanks to the ministers who have stood by him so faithfully, also to the physicians, nurses, ushers, firemen, policemen, and boy scouts.

He also took occasion to especially commend and thank the Gazette for the daily reports it has given of the meetings throughout the campaign, and as a further token of his appreciation of the personal work of the Editor, presented him with a beautiful gold and pearl scarf pin.

Notes and Announcements

The glass blowers of the city sent a fine delegation of men to the tent services Saturday evening. They were good singers too. Their favorite song was "The Haven of Rest," which was sung for them.

Del Ray, one of Alexandria's pretty suburbs, was represented by a large delegation of men and women Saturday night. They had a favorite song "If Jesus Goes With Me," in which everyone in the tent,

Alexandria City News Condensed

Mr. Gardner Lloyd, of Red Bank, N. J., spent the week-end with Mr. E. S. Leadbeater.

The Masonic Temple will be closed tonight to give the attendants at the Masonic School an opportunity to hear the Rev. Gypsy Smith, Jr., in his lecture, "From Gypsy Tent to Pulpit."

Mr. Henry Tucker Harrison, of Loch Raven, Md., has been visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. Ashby Woodson, who has been visiting his aunt Mrs. Hubert Snowden, in south Washington street will spend the winter in Washington, where he will attend school preparatory to entering West Point.

About 10 o'clock last night an automobile operated by Erwin J. Roberts ran upon the curbstone at Queen and Alfred streets and collided with a buggy. This latter sustained no damage but the front axle of the machine was broken. There were no personal injuries.

The regular monthly meeting of Mary Custis Lee Chapter, U. D. C., will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon in the Confederate Veteran's building at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

There was but one case before the Police Court this morning. Three young men had been arrested for disorderly conduct. Two were fined \$5 each, and one forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

The celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum of St. Mary's Church, to be held in Lyceum Hall tomorrow night, promises to be a noteworthy affair. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Father Louis Smet, rector of St. Mary's, the Rev. L. F. Kelly, and Thomas E. Dyson, president of the Lyceum. Father Kelly's talk will concern his tour of the Holy Land. Other features of the program will be: a piano selection, Miss Virginia Downey; violin solo, Miss Winifred L. Bayne; vocal solo, Miss Janet V. Gronau; recitation, Miss Mary Lennon; recitation, Miss Alice Hubbard, and a vocal solo by Thomas Cantwell, of Washington.

The officers of the High School Girls' Athletic Association are as follows: Miss Anna Haslett, president; Miss Marion Greenaway, vice-president; and the Misses Nina Fulton and Louise Schwarzmann. The members of the Association will meet again in the near future to consider plans for an active season.

The Boy Scouts attended in a body also on Saturday night, and were given a hearty welcome. The members of the organization have rendered good service in various ways to the committees during each evening of the campaign and their efforts have been much appreciated.

Among the big crowd at the tent Saturday evening was a gentleman from Augusta, Ga., another from Atlanta, Ga., one from Bristol, Tenn., and still another from Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Prof. Forest Cole left Alexandria last night at 11:27 for Du Quoin, Ill., where he is to be married on Thursday evening of this week at six o'clock to Miss Grace Marlow. He will return with his bride to rejoin the evangelistic party at Charlottesville. Referring to the choir here he said it was the best one he had ever had and that he had the best time here. Just before the opening of the service last night he was presented with a pair of gold cuff buttons by the ushers.

Too much praise cannot be given Miss Hoagland for her excellent work as pianist in the tent services. To be a good accompanist implies something more than being a fine musician. It means having an ear finely tuned and ever on the alert, a heart and mind thoroughly in accord with the matter in hand, with the ability to lead or follow, just as the circumstances may demand—all of which Miss Hoagland possesses to a marked degree. A proof of this is seen in the readiness with which the little children have learned the songs and the correct blending of their voices in unison. Old and young are unanimous in their appreciation.

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Mr. Henry Marbury, of Washington has been visiting relatives in this city.

The Woman's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp will meet tomorrow night, at 7:30 o'clock, in Lee Camp Hall. Every member is requested to be present.

A marriage license was issued in Washington Saturday to Miss Ethel F. McCuen and Robert F. Martin, both of Alexandria.

Mrs. Lillian Henderson, has just returned from attending the W. C. H. U. convention, which was held in Tazewell, Va., this year. It was one of the most delightful conventions ever held by them, and the members were royally entertained. The convention will be held in Charlottesville next year.

Miss Alice Marshall Payne, of New Orleans, La., who has been the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beverley in Prince street, left the latter part of the week for Warrenton, where she is spending several months.

Miss Katherine Hawhurst, of Washington, D. C., was the recent guest of Misses Ruth and Jean Roberts in Duke street. Miss Maude Burwell of Washington is the guest of the Misses Roberts.

Mr. Percy Evans, a leading member of the hunting set in Virginia was seriously injured Saturday afternoon while riding in one of the races at the United Hunt meeting at Belmont Park terminal, New York. After a consultation of surgeons at St. Mary's Hospital, in Jamaica, it was found that one of the vertebrae in his neck was fractured. An X-ray will be taken this afternoon to ascertain how seriously Mr. Evans was injured. He was riding in the three-and-one-half mile steeplechase with possible victory in sight when the horse came a cropper and went over on his head. The horse's neck was broken and he died instantly. Mr. Evans is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. James Sidney Douglas, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the guests of her parents last week en route to the races. His many friends in Alexandria will be distressed to hear of the accident.

A SUGGESTION.

Tonight is the last time the choir, which has done such splendid work during the evangelistic services, will meet together unless a permanent organization is formed.

In other cities a community chorus has proved a delight to the members as well as the public at large. Why not get together in Alexandria and keep the good work going?

The music at the evangelistic services has been an inspiring feature, and has, without doubt, been the cause of much pleasure to those who have attended regularly and joined in the singing.

Professor Cole, was loud in his praises of the choir. Naturally, he would be greatly missed as leader and an accompanist to equal Miss Hoagland, would be hard to find, yet as long as we can't be fortunate enough to have these accomplished musicians with us, why not begin work on the foundations which have been laid and build thereon a chorus choir, which shall continue to be an organization for which Alexandria shall be proud.

As tonight will offer the last opportunity to reach the members as a body, we suggest that it be taken advantage of and plans for a permanent chorus be discussed, as was suggested by the Gazette on Friday.

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For Sale.

The choicest building sits around Alexandria, situated on Braddock Heights. Fine roads and accessible to the Electric Line. Prices moderate. It will pay you to look them over before deciding upon the location of your home. For particulars see your local Real Estate Agent or N. Lindsey and Co., Inc. 1-218-12t.

I wish to announce to the public that my first class shoe repairing shop at 813 Duke street, lately closed on account of fire, will be reopened on Monday October 2nd, 1916. Respectfully, WACLAW KITOWSKY.

TROOPS ON BORDER RECEIVE PRESENTS

ALEXANDRIA BOYS WELCOME RED CROSS GIFTS

They are Giving A Splendid Account of Themselves on the Rifle Ranges and Cross-Country Hikes—All Are Well But Very Homesick

(Special to the Gazette)
Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 26. — Five sacks around of "makin's" with a briar pipe for every man that smokes his that way, was drawn down yesterday as a tobacco ration by each member of the Alexandria Light Infantry, thanks to the thoughtfulness of their home-town chapter of the American Red Cross.

With the tobacco came four packages of candy and two of chewing gum for each man. And every squad tent got a set of dominoes and two packs of playing cards.

The gift to the company came at a time in the month when it can be appreciated the most—just before pay day. The average private's fifteen dollars a month disappeared long ago, across the store counters in Brownsville, and in other directions that he has found to scatter it. The present means smoking material that will last until over next payday, and a day or so of high living on goodies. The chewing gum, too, is more acceptable than some people who have never been in an army training camp might think. It is a very practical substitute for water, in a country where water is hard to get and harder still to carry along in satisfying quantities on the cross-country marches that are a weekly feature of the guardsmen's training.

A wad of chewing gum somehow keeps your mouth moist on the driest days and the dustiest roads, long after the quart of water that your canteen holds has been all drunk up.

Yesterday was a big day all round somehow, for the Light Infantry. It started off with target-practice on miniature ranges all the morning. That is not one of the lightest duties the men have, but it is one that they enjoy the most—showing their skill at the targets. The company made an excellent showing on the range. Its ten best men scored 233 out of a possible 250, which placed Company G. high up on the list of company results for the regiment.

With their whole morning devoted to target-shooting, and their afternoon drill period cut in two by a sand-storm, which made the drill-ground inhabitable, the men were in high spirits as they came singing back to quarters at 5 o'clock. They had heard in the morning that the box from the home folks had arrived, and began clamoring around the chow tent with mock threats of "we want our smokes!"

They were lined up by First Sergeant Deahl outside the kitchen, to

wait until he and Captain Johnson, with the assistance of both lieutenants and quartermaster sergeant Brawner and Mess Sergeant Brown, could sort out the presents and decide how much each man could have.

Four sacks of smoking tobacco, with cigarette papers for "makin's" or a briar pipe for those who preferred it, were handed to each man, with two packages of candy and one of chewing gum. That didn't nearly exhaust the supply though, so at supper time, each man got another sack of tobacco and another share of candy and gum, and then there was some left over for desert at supper tonight. Four boxes of loose candy, that were included in the present, were shared with the three other companies in the battalion.—Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Covington.

The pipes proved very popular. Fellows that had not smoked anything but cigarettes since they left Alexandria drew pipes, and lit up before they were out of the kitchen.

When retreat sounded after supper each man fell in line with a pipe in his mouth and smoke rolling from it, even down to the first sergeant. And they have been puffing at them pretty steadily ever since.

The cards were just about as welcome as the smokes and candy. From seven-up and solitaire, clean down the line to the great American game of poker, card-playing is a favorite sport all over the camp of the first regiment. Cards brought down from home, and most of those that have been bought or "acquired" since, are worn to tatters. The two fresh packs that each squad now has to play with, will meet the same fate. But a whole lot of fun for homesick militiamen will be got out of the present first.

And as for the dominoes? This is how they are being enjoyed already: Captain Johnson unselfishly insisted that the sets be distributed among his men, a set to a squad. And there were just enough sets to go around. But "Cornbread"—that's what his men call him, when his back is turned—didn't intend to be done out of a game or two himself. Shortly after supper on the day the presents came, found him and both lieutenants playing dominoes in the first sergeant's tent. The game lasted well on toward taps, much to the disgust of First Sergeant Deahl, who wanted to get into the record chest the players were using for a gaming table; and much to the annoyance of Company Clerk Boswell, who was trying to read a novel entitled "In Line of Duty."

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ALEXANDRIA ONE OF THREE PICKED TO WIN

It is generally conceded that Alexandria, Philadelphia and Birmingham, Ala., are the real competitors for the government armor plant plum, with indications decidedly in favor of the first-named city.

Our people are offering two sites, the first being Battery Rodgers cove reclaimed, and Jones's Point tract. M. B. Harlow, always in the forefront of movements for the enhancing the commercial interests of his city, has been instructed by the owners to offer New Alexandria to the government in case the land in the city proper should not be considered a proper place for the factory. This tract embraces one hundred acres on the Potomac river and Hunting creek. It is opposite Jones's Point. The electric railway passes through the place, and the Southern Railway authorities have signified their purpose to construct a railway bridge across the creek, the north bank of which abuts on the Southern yards, southwest of the Duke street shops and round house.

While it is generally conceded that the Battery Rodgers cove site is the more suitable for the government for various reasons, the land upon which

New Alexandria was built in 1892 offers some advantages. While the land on the river and creek is low, that southwest is on hills and would make desirable sites for dwellings. Should New Alexandria site be selected, the enterprise would be equally beneficial to Old Alexandria.

Twenty-four years ago there were manufacturing in New Alexandria, many men and women employed there resided in this city.

The committees collecting statistics and preparing the brief which is to be presented to the general board and Secretary of the Navy will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on the 10th instant at 2 p. m. to complete the brief. This committee is composed of M. B. Harlow, chairman, and R. E. Knight, J. T. Preston and J. R. Caton, of this city. The following Washingtonians, who are working with the Alexandrians, are also on the committee: G. H. Livingston, E. M. Emmart and J. V. Davis.

A representative of the Gazette learned in Washington that only the applications of Alexandria, Philadelphia and Birmingham are being considered seriously.